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AUDIO CLIPS DESCRIPTIONS

Track 1/Program 9 (00:01:58:37)

Features the commentary of James Howard on being one of the first nine students that integrated the all white high school in Sturgis, Kentucky in 1956. He talks specifically about his emotional first few days of school, when governor A.B. Chandler had to call in the National Guard to ward off the mob of people who were opposing and threatening the entrance of the black students into the high school.

Track 2/Program 10 (00:01:59:50)

Features Raoul Cunningham, a Louisville native active in civil rights, discussing the experiences he had with integration when he was attending Male High School in Louisville shortly following the 1956 desegregation of Louisville schools. He talks specifically about how he still felt segregated in the newly integrated school.

Track 3/Program 11 (00:02:00:00)

Features a description by Herbert Oldham of being a black teacher during the time of integration in Bowling Green, Kentucky. In particular, he talks about the negative aspects of integration for black teachers, such as the large amount of job loss that happened as a result of all-black schools being closed down, and the lack of certain types of support black teachers had in their new teaching positions.

Track 4/Program 12 (00:01:59:00)

Features Audrey Grevious, long-time teacher and civil rights activist from Lexington, Kentucky, who worked for many years as a teacher at Kentucky Village, formerly Greendale Reformatory, a school for troubled youth. As a strictly segregated institution where both black and white students attended, Audrey speaks about her early attempts to integrate as a faculty member in 1958.